Exemption of ESI coverage to workers of M/s Prototype Development and Training Centre, Balitikuri

1361. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether requests for grant of exemption from the operation of the provisions of the ESI Act, 1948 in respect of workers of M/s Prototype Development and Training Centre Balitikuri, Howrah (West Bengal) have been received ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the National Small Industries Corporation Limited is extending benefits and treatment facilities to the workers of M/s PDTC, Howrah that are much higher than the Employees State Insurance ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have conceded to the above request for exemption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. In fact, it has not been found possible to accept the request of the establishment for grant of exemption, as the benefits provided to its employees have been found inferior to benefits available under the ESI Act.

Complaints received from Sanchayani Investors' Association, Rajasthan

1362. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints have been received from Sanchayani Investors' Association, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan about non-payment of matured deposits to the investors, by M/s. Sanchayani Savings and Investment India Ltd., Calcutta ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the complaints; and

(c) whether Government have taken steps to help the subscribers to get back their legitimate savings amount from the said investment; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaints relate to non-repayment of deposits by the company, M/s. Sanchayani Savings and Investment India Ltd. Calcutta alleging non-refund of the deposits.

(c) Non-Banking Financial Companies are exempted from the operation of the provisions of Section 58A of the Companies Act 1956 in terms of sub-section (7) thereof. Acceptance of deposits by such Financial companies is governed by the Non-Banking Financial Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 1977 and the Miscellaneous Non-Banking Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 1977. As per available information, the Reserve Bank of India officers are making periodical visits to take up the complaint matters with the company for settlement of claim cases and its Calcutta office is keeping a close watch on the overall activities of the company in the interest of the depositors.

Inclusion of New Communities as SC/ST

1363. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are names of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes communi

ties as per the Constitution of India;

(b) whether Government have finalised the comprehensive Bill to Amend the Constitution to include more Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes communities in the list;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ; and

(d) whether Government could consider inclusion of those Scheduled Tribe Communities who have been wrongly listed under Scheduled Caste Community list, in the list of STs through Presidential order pending comprehensive revision of lists of SCs/STs through Constitutional Amendment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN:) (a) The names of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are given in the latest edition of Manual of Election Laws brought out by the Ministry of Law and Justice. Subsequent additions only in Scheduled Tribe list are :—

(i) *Meghalaya*

1. Boro Kacharis
2. Koch
3. Raba, Rava.

(ii) *Jammu & Kashmir*

1. Balti
2. Beda
3. Bot, Boto
4. Bropka, Dropka, Dard, Shin.
5. Changpa
6 Garra
7. Mon
8. Purigpa

In para 3 of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) Order, 1951 and para 2 of similar other Orders, 'Buddhists' has been added along with Hindu and Sikh *Vide* the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 1990.

(b) to (d) No final decision has yet been taken in the matter. In view of the provisions under Articles 341(2) and 342(2) of the Constitution, any amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only by an Act of Parliament.

Regularisation and Continuation in job for NCC Officers beyond 50 Years

1364. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of NCC officers, who have completed 50 years of age after 13-2-87 for extending the age from 50 years to 55 years for regularisation and continuation in the jobs are still under consideration of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(c) by when the orders for regularisation and continuation in the jobs upto the age of 55 years are likely to be issued by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Advisory Committee on NCC in its Meeting held on 13 Feb. 87 had recommended raising of the age of relinquishment of commission for Male Part-time NCC Officers to 50 years extendable to 55 years in special cases and the